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1. On 3 February, two columns of trucks, towing light AT guns, and field kitchens passed through Gotha in the direction of Eisenach. The vehicles carried equipment and boxes. On 6 February, three columns of trucks towing AT and AA guns passed through Gotha, coming from the direction of Eisenach. According to the vehicle numbers, the vehicles probably belonged to the 57th Guards Rifle Division.
2. On 11 February, three field howitzers practiced individual firing at the Kindel troop training ground. No firing was observed on 12 February. The camp was still occupied by only a guard detail prior to 12 February. 25X1
3. Troops were observed leaving Luebben on 9 February. Guns of various calibers were unloaded at Luebben on 17 February. It was learned that a large number of tanks had been unloaded at Jamlitz during the week prior to 15 February.
4. On 8 and 16 February, the Barbara Kaserne in Meiningen was only lightly occupied while the Polizei Kaserne was occupied to capacity.
5. The barracks installation in Bernburg was occupied by 350 to 400 men on 7 February. One unit had allegedly returned from Ruegen Island. The camp near Dessau was occupied.

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6. An AT unit of the 3rd Shock Army was unloaded at the Wittstock railroad station on 12 February. On the same day, two trains carrying troops of the 31st AAA Division were at the Velten railroad station. They were standing on the track generally used by trains coming from Schoerwalde.
7. The units which had moved to Lieberose returned to the Pionier Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde on 6 February. A guard detail of 20 soldiers allegedly remained at Lieberose.
8. The two barracks installations in Grimma were almost vacant on and after 15 February. 25X1  
A hutment and tent camp housing signal and motor transport units from Grimma and Wurzen was seen in the area of Klosterholz, south of Grimma, on 17 February.
9. On 16 February, three troop trains carrying AT guns, field guns and motor vehicles passed through the Wustermark railroad station, coming from the west and proceeding toward Doeberitz.<sup>1</sup>
10. A train carrying a unit of the 4th AT Artillery Brigade passed through the Stralsund railroad station on 17 February. It had come from Ruegen Island. [redacted]  
[redacted] troop shipments [redacted] went from Rathenow to Grimmen on 25X1  
14 February.<sup>2</sup>
1. [redacted] Comment. These trains definitely were shipments [redacted] 25X1  
which had gone from Wittstock to Doeberitz. [redacted] They probably 25X1  
carried elements of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade which had left Doeberitz  
for Neustrelitz on 11 February. They had presumably participated in the  
field exercises of the 9th Guards Tank Division in the Wittstock area.
2. [redacted] Comment. Troop shipments [redacted] were previously reported [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] as being bound for Grimma. [redacted] If this information  
were correct it would be quite plausible that field exercises involving  
elements of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division from Grimma and Wurzen and units  
of the 6th Artillery Division from Rathenow were held in the area south of  
Grimma as indicated by paragraph 8 above. On the other hand, acceptance of  
paragraph 10 above would indicate that elements from Rathenow moved to the  
area south of Stralsund for exercises with units of the 4th AT Artillery Brigade  
from Prora, Ruegen Island. Further clarification is needed.

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